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MEXICO CITY FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US SHRIMP VESSEL JOHN SCOTT

REF: BELEM 0022, BELEM 0023

1. BRAZILIAN NAVY OFFICIALS TODAY INFORMED CONSUL THAT ON NIGHT OF FEB. 26 US SHRIMP VESSEL JOHN SCOTT, UB-193, WAS CAPTURED BY BRAZILIAN WARSHIPS ON PATROL AT COORDINATES 02 DEGREES 12 MINUTES NORTH, 48 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES WEST. BOAT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BELEM ON SUNDAY FEB 29, RELEASE OF BOAT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL WEDNESDAY MARCH 3 DUE TO CARNIVAL. NAVY ESTIMATES FINE AT US\$2300.

2. PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED US SHRIMP VESSELS QUEEN SHRIMP, MISS CARRIE II, AND CAYENE SARITA ARRIVED BELEM MORNING OF FEB. 27 WITH THREE US VESSELS BRAZILIAN NAVY ALSO BROUGHT IN TWO BRAZILIAN FISHING BOATS THAT WERE CAUGHT FISHING ILLEGALLY. MONEY FOR PAYMENT OF TIME OF THREE PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED US UNCLASSIFIED

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SHRIMP VESSELS WHICH WAS CABLED TO BELEM EARLIER THIS WEEK

HAS NOT YET ARRIVED. IF MONEY ARRIVES TODAY BEFORE BANKS CLOSE BOATS WILL BE RELEASED TODAY AT PAYMENT OF FINE. IF MONEY DOES NOT ARRIVE TODAY THAN RELEASE OF BOATS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY. BY NEXT WEDNESDAY FINE FOR EACH BOAT WILL HAVE INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY US\$1000 (FOR A TOTAL OF US\$8,500 FOR THE THREE PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED BOATS).

3. CONSUL LEARNED NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 26 THAT BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE PLANES ON PATROL HAD SPOTTED FIVE ADDITIONAL US SHRIMP VESSELS SHRIMPING ILLEGALLY (JOHN SCOTT WAS ONE OF THE FIVE) BRAZILIAN NAVY IS CURRENTLY CHASING THE REMAINING FOUR, BUT SO FAR THE US VESSELS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ELUDED THEIR PURSUERS.

4. CONSUL HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT VENEZUELAN BOAT MENTIONED IN BELEM 022 IS STILL BEING HELD BY BRAZILIAN NAVY PENDING OF FINE. FINE IS REPORTEDLY MUCH HIGHER THAN FINES CHARGED US BOATS UNDER THE AGREEMENT.  
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